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SUBJ: SECURITY SURVEY

DEPT FOR SY AND NEA/EX

BEIRUT FOR RSO

1. RSO RUNNER COMPLETED MOST USEFUL SECURITY SURVEY OF EMBASSY SANAA NOVEMBER 24-29. FULL REPORT SUBMITTED FROM BEIRUT. SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS SOME CONDITIONS WHICH NEED TO BE REMEDIED AS MATTER OF HIGHEST PRIORITY.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULAR FUNCTIONS SHOULD WITHOUT DELAY BE MOVED FROM PRESENT LOCATIONS IN COMPOUND APARTMENT (WHICH ALSO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE) AND CHANCERY RESPECTIVELY. IN VIEW NUMBERS AND FREQUENCY OF ADMIN AND CONSULAR VISITORS THERE IS NO WAY IN WHICH PROPER CONTROL CAN BE INTRODUCED UNDER PRESENT "HORRIFYING" ARRANGEMENTS. OBJECT OF MOVES RECOMMENDED SANAA 2114 AND OM 11/6 WOULD BE TO PREVENT ENTRY OF HOSTILE ELEMENTS KNOWN TO BE ACTIVE BOTH FROM PDRY AND LOCALLY. IN PARTICULAR, EARLIEST REPLY NEEDED ON RENTAL PROPOSED NEW OFF COMPOUND CONSULATE.

3. RSO FOUND PERIMETER LIGHTING NON-EXISTENT AND WITHIN-COMPOUND LIGHTING FAILS MEET MINIMUM SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. THEREFORE, ESSENTIAL PROCEED SOONEST WITH REWIRING PROJECT (WHICH INCLUDES EXTERNAL LIGHTING) EXECUTION OF WHICH DEPENDENT RESOLUTION OF MATERIEL SHIPMENT (STATE 232893).

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4. RVSO SURVEY CONFIRMED THAT COMPOUND APARTMENT IS CRITICAL FIRE HAZARD AND WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL WIRING CONTRACT COMPLETED, E.G. RELIANCE ON BUTAGAS CYLINDERS LOCATED ON GROUND LEVEL OUTSIDE WITH LEAD-INS TO APPLIANCES EXTENDING AS MUCH AS FIVE STORIES. CONFIGURATION OF BUILDING IS SUCH THAT GAS CYLINDERS CANNOT BE STORED EXTERNALLY ADJACENT TO APPLIANCES AND THEY MUST NOT, OF COURSE, BE STORED INTERNALLY. IN THIS SITUATION, FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WHICH WERE SOUGHT IN FY 73 AND REJECTED SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY MADE AVAILABLE. AT PRESENT EMBASSY AND CITY OF SANAA HAVE NO RPT NO FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT. DOLS 6,115 REQUIRED.
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